GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA RADESH
ABSTRACT

Backward Classes Welfare (F) Department - Welfare and safety of Dudekula Community in Andhra Pradesh – Prohibiting the use of derogatory and abusive words against the persons belong to "Dudekula Community" in Andhra Pradesh- Orders - Issued.

BACKWARD CLASSES WELFARE (F) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No.20 **Dated: 11.03.2024**
Read the following:

1. G.O.Ms.No.38 Backward Classes Welfare (F) Dept., dated:20.02.2019.
2. From the Government of Andhra Pradesh, Minorities Welfare (SDM) Department, Lr.No.MNW01-COOR0NINT/1/2022-SDM, Dated:26.09.2022 along with representation of President, Andhra Pradesh Muslim Dudekula Political Joint Action Committee (APMDPJAC), Amaravathi Guntur District.
3. Govt.Letter No.1861777-0610/BCW/F/2022, dated"07.10.2022.
4. From the Member Secretary AP State Commission for BCs, Lr.Rc.No.APSCBC/C1/336/2022, dated:24.11.2022.

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ORDER:

In the reference 2nd read above, the Minorities Welfare (SDM) Department has forwarded a representation from the President, Andhra Pradesh Muslim Dudekula Political Joint Action Committee (APMDPJAC), Amaravathi, seeking Government orders to prohibit the use of derogatory terms against the Dudekula Community, similar to the measures taken in the case of the Rajaka/Washermen community issued in the reference 1st read above.

2. In the references 3rd read above, the Government have requested the Member Secretary, AP State Commission for BCs, in Vijayawada to examine the representation in the reference 2nd read above and furnish detailed report to the Government for taking necessary action.

3. In the reference 4th read above, the Member Secretary of the AP State Commission for BCs, Vijayawada stated in their report that the Commission thoroughly examined the grievances of the Caste/Community of 'Dudekula' in its historical perspective. The report emphasized that political systems have evolved, and former aristocracies, monarchies, and kingdoms have given way to democracies, ensuring equality in status, self-respect, and dignity. Democracies further provide for equality before the law or equal protection of the law, regardless of one's caste, creed, gender, religion, race, place of birth, economic status, etc.

4. Further, the Commission opined that regardless of historical causes or reasons for the emergence of phrases and the use of derogatory words in olden days against people of certain communities, such language is not justified in the changed political milieu, and the report acknowledged the pejorative sense in which derogatory words and phrases are used nowadays, recognizing their potential to hurt the sentiments and degrade the self respect of the people

belonging to Dudekula Caste/community and unless the use of the said derogatory and abusive phrases in public places is prohibited by the issuance of a necessary order, it would be difcult to protect them from being insulted.

5. In the circumstances reported in the references read above and after careful examination of the matter, Government is hereby decided to prohibit the use of derogatory and abusive words against any person belonging to the Dudekula caste/community duly prohibiting the use of the phrase "Dudekuloda, Pinjari, Pinjaroda, Pinjaridi, Pinjari mokam, Pinjari chestalu, Laddaf, Sagam sayubu, etc." as it is hurting the sentiments and degrading the self-respect of the people belong to Dudekula Caste/Community and also if any person using such abusive and prohibited words hurting their feelings and sentiments in the name of the caste shall be liable for penal action under the provisions of the Indian Penal Code, 1860.

6. The Director, B C Welfare Vijayawada and all the Collector and District Magistrates in the State of AP, shall take necessary action in the matter accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

G. ANANTHA RAMU
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Director, Backward Classes Welfare, A.P., Vijayawada.
The Person-in-Charge, A.P. Dudekula Corporation, Vijayawada.
All the Collector and District Magistrates in the State.

Copy to:
PS to Secretary to Chief Minister,
OSD to Hon'ble Minister (BCW).
PS to Chief Secretary to Government.
PS to Special Chief Secretary to Government, B.C. Welfare Department.
The Member Secretary, A.P. State Commission for Backward Classes, Vijayawada.
The Commissioner, I&PR, A.P., Vijayawada (with a request to issue press note to both Press & Electronic media.)
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